UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Robert Francis Squibbs) Re: Preliminary Amendment

Serial No.: 10/020,324

Group: 2641

Examiner: not yet assigned

Filed: December 11, 2001

Our Ref: B-4427 619388-5

For: "DEVICE GROUP DISCOVERY METHOD

AND APPARATUS"

Date: January 26, 2004

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

JAN 3 0 2004

Sir:

Technology Center 2600

This paper is filed as a Preliminary Amendment for the aboveidentified application being filed herewith. Please amend the All amendments above-identified application as described below. and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.